

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21 April 2015

1. **Present:** Viv Pritchard (President), Peter Hermitage, Peer Le Fleming, Lewis Norris, Martin Ward, Harry Cragg, Alan Mepstead, Peter Hodge.
2. **Apologies:** David Barton, Robert Boyd-Howell, Brian Dobinson, Geoffrey Goodban and Robert Young.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes of meeting held on 24 March 2015 were approved.
4. **Matters Arising:** Presentation and discussion on Foundation at the April Business Meeting had to be curtailed due to need to include additional business items. Important to have a full debate on this important topic, so suggest arrangement for a fuller discussion at a future meeting.
Interact – meeting arranged later the same week to wind up the Interact Club at SLGS and to formally allocate the charitable funds.
Information on members dates of birth received from Robin Hendy.
5. **President's Business:**
 - (a) Duck Race – to be held on 11 July 2015. Co-ordinator Roger Clarke has been asked and is considering taking over. Sponsors for all prizes are Kent Reliance Building Society.
 - (b) Membership – Brian Wheeler to be inducted at the 12 May Club Evening Meeting.
 - (c) Nepal Earthquake – Street collection agreed by City Council for Saturday 9 May 2015 and John Hill is organiser. **Agreed that £1,000 to go direct to Shelter Box from the Club Emergency Fund.**
6. **Members Business:** Peter Hermitage gave details of the 2015/6 Rotary year. The Theme for the Year 2015/6 is 'Be a Gift to the World'. Peter wanted the year to be fun and include music. JP Ekins had been booked for a concert in November.
 - (a) The main Fund Raisers would continue to be the Duck Race and Top Choir Kent. The Wishing Well should be in place during the year.
 - (b) Membership – continue to find new members and to consider Corporate Membership
 - (c) He wished to strengthen links with local Clubs, improve communication both internally and externally, to continue to apply for District Grants and support Pentangular projects.

7. Financial Report: Lewis Norris gave details of the Club's Financial position which showed £2273 available in the General Fund. The events balance was £8777 with advertising to come in. The bucket collection at TCK for Demelza House was £606. The Emergency Fund of £3000 would be reduced by £1000 for replacement Shelter Boxes for the boxes sent to Nepal.

Pentangular 2017 - With the fall in value of the Euro there would be a fall in income if fees were kept the usual 160 Euros it had been agreed that Members would be free for every event. Partners would have breakdown of costs for each event and pay those they attended. This proposal will be subject to further discussion by the working group.

When the Club host the Pentangular every five years there is a financial shortfall that needs to be resolved. The solution to this problem can be achieved without additional costs to Members. Many Clubs give 10% of Fund Raising proceeds to Foundation. This is not something new but has been in practice for very many years. If we eliminate the Foundation 'Sub' by £25 and increase the Club Sub by a similar amount the problem will be resolved at no additional costs to Members. **Agreed that this proposition should be recommended to the Club at the AGM.**

8. Committee reports:

- (a) Club Service - Peter Hermitage gave a report on the last Meeting
- (b) Community Service Minutes received. Suggestion of litter pick had been rejected by the committee. President agreed that working in and around busy roads would be too risky but wondered whether there may be scope to work in areas like public parks and woodlands. Recent litter picks undertaken by 3 clubs in Dover had been very successful and enjoyed by all participants.
- (c) International Committee Minutes received
- (d) Foundation – A full report on Foundation generally to be given in new Rotary Year
- (e) Fund Raising – No Meeting
- (f) Public relations – No Meeting
- (g) Vocational Service - minutes received. Alan Mepstead said that efforts were being made to have all Rotary events arranged by members were passed through the Vocational Committee. This would (hopefully) avoid clashing of dates.

9. Secretary's Report:

- (a) Leave of Absence for RBH 21st April to 12th May 2015 inclusive. Agreed
- (b) Leave of Absence for RV 5th to 19th May 2015 inclusive. Agreed
- (c) AGM Date confirmed as 19th May 2015

10. District Matters:

- (a) District council Meeting 21st May 2015
- (b) DGE Illness noted
- (c) District Assembly was attended by President, President Elect, Treasurer, Richard Kemball Cook and Peter Hodge

11. Any Other Business: – None

12. Date of next Meeting – 28h May 2015

ACTION PLAN

Item	Action	Action by
4.	Follow up discussion on Foundation at a future Business meeting	RK-C
4	Complete formal winding up of SLGS Interact Club	VP
5	Induction of new member	VP
5	Donate £1,000 from Emergency Fund for Shelterbox	LN
7	Discuss proposal for future Foundation funding	LN
8	Ask all members to ensure that all Rotary social events to be coordinated through Voc Services Committee	All
	Items held over:	
	Fix AGM for MS trustees	VP, PLF, LS
	Further report on Wishing Well	RY
	Further report on future funding of website	MW, LN